Social/religious organisations receiving aids/grants from abroad

1713. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the social/religious organisations which have been receiving aids/grants from foreign countries;

(b) what is the quantum of such aids/grants received by each such organisation during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) whether Government have been keeping a check on the utilisation of such aids/grants and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) A large number of social/religious organisations are reported to have received substantial funds from the foreign countries during the last three years and as such it is not feasible to furnish the names and quantum of foreign contribution received by each such organisation due to the voluminous nature of information.

(c) Yes, Sir, the receipt and utilisation of foreign funds is being regulated through the various provisions of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976.

Freedom fighters cases for Condonation of Delay

1714. SHRI SHANKARRAO NARAYANRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of cases pertaining to the pensions of freedom fighters are still pending with his Ministry for condonation of delay;

(b) if so, the number thereof, the reasons for the delay and by when it is proposed to be cleared;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Shroff Committee has recommended to the Ministry to condone delay in submitting applications; and

(d) if so, what action is being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) The last date for receipt of applications for the central pension was 31-3-1982. Delayed applications are considered for pension after condoning the delay provided the applications are accompanied with the requisite official documentary evidence to prove the sufferings of the applicants were in connection with the freedom struggle. Those applications received before 15-8-1986 have been disposed off. 20,205 cases given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below) have been received after 15-8-86. Out of these, delay has been condoned in 175 cases, and pensions have been sanctioned.

(c) and (d) The Committee has recommended condonation of delay in 2,300 cases Final decision in 600 cases is yet to be taken.